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## FARM PRODUCTS.

Wheat in Michigan Shows No Im-  
provement—A Slight Advance  
in Illinois.

The State's General Acreage Nine Per  
Cent. Less than at This Time  
Last Year.

National Department Report.  
[Washington Telegram.]  
The report of the Department of Agri-  
culture for May relates to the condition of  
winter grain, the progress of spring plow-  
ing, and proportion of the proposed cotton  
area already planted. It indicates a decline  
in the condition of wheat of two points  
since April 1, the general average for the  
whole country being 85, against 95 at the  
same date in 1886, and 89 in 1884.

The average condition of the wheat crop  
has not improved since the winter wheat  
uniformly throughout the winter wheat re-  
gion, some States showing an increase, the  
majority a slight decline, and a few a heavy  
falling off.

The States of the Middle Atlantic coast  
from Pennsylvania to North Carolina show  
some improvement. In New York and New  
Jersey the amount of winter-killing was  
fully known on April 1, and this, with  
cold and unfavorable weather during the  
month, has caused a serious reduction of  
condition. Drought has reduced the average  
somewhat in the Eastern Gulf States, and  
has brought very serious damage in Texas  
and Arkansas, lowering the condition dur-  
ing the month nineteen to ten points  
respectively. Favorable temperature and  
seasonable rains have improved the pros-  
pect in Tennessee, West Virginia, and  
Kentucky, the condition being higher  
than in those States than it has averaged  
in May for the past five years.

The most serious reduction of the month  
is in Ohio, where there is a falling off of  
eight points since the 1st of April. In  
Indiana and Kansas a slight decline,  
while in Illinois and Missouri there is a  
gain of one point. Unfavorable weather  
in California has caused a  
slight falling off, while in Oregon the pros-  
pect has advanced, it being the only State  
in which condition reaches 100.

The averages of condition for the States are:  
New York, 89; Pennsylvania, 72; Mary-  
land, 84; Virginia, 80; North Carolina, 90;  
Texas, 60; Arkansas, 33; Tennessee, 90;  
West Virginia, 89; Kentucky, 95; Ohio, 71;  
Michigan, 85; Indiana, 87; Illinois, 83;  
Missouri, 90; Kansas, 81; California, 93;  
Oregon, 101.

Rye has suffered from the same con-  
dition which has seriously affected wheat,  
but on account of the hard-frozen ground  
standing at 90.8 against 95.4 April 1, and  
95.7 at the same date in 1886.

The condition of barley is low, the average  
being 67, against 60.7 April 1, and 61.8  
at the same date in 1886. The season has been  
generally advanced in all parts of the  
country than usual, spring plowing being  
seriously behind only on the Atlantic coast  
south to Pennsylvania and on the Pacific  
slope.

The proportion of cotton already planted  
amounts to more than four-fifths the  
proposed area, and is slightly greater than  
at the same date in any of the preceding five  
years, but is a little less than the propor-  
tion returned by the correspondents at the  
average planting at this date.

Reports from Illinois, Indiana, and Michi-  
gan.  
[Springfield (Ill.) special.]  
Advance sheets of the May crop report  
of the State Board of Agriculture show  
the condition of winter wheat in Illinois  
at 85 per cent, an average.

This is an advance of 2 per cent over the  
previous month. It is still 6 per cent less  
than the average condition of May 1, 1886.  
In the northern and southern counties the  
average condition is 88 per cent, and the  
central counties 101.

Reports from every county in Indiana,  
Illinois, and Ohio state that the wheat crop  
has been damaged somewhat by the spring  
rains, and the average percentage of con-  
dition is 87 in Indiana, 85 in Illinois, and  
89 in Ohio. The fruit crop promises to be  
larger than for several years past.

The Michigan crop report for April shows  
severe drought in all parts of the State.  
On sandy soil wheat has made good growth,  
but on clay soil the growth has been unsat-  
isfactory. The southern tiers of counties  
the condition is 75 per cent, and the aver-  
age 70. The central counties show 84  
condition, while the northern counties re-  
port 93. But little of the grain will be  
plowed up. There has been marked  
drought in the wheat region, and the grain  
is injured, and in many sections it will be  
plowed up. The condition of horses and  
other stock shows but little change since  
last month.

Injury from the Drought.  
[From the Chicago Tribune.]  
Drought in the grain fields of the Missis-  
sippi Valley was the great topic of con-  
versation in commercial circles Tues-  
day, and it materially influenced the course  
of prices for the leading cereals. The  
ground is very dry in the Southwest, and  
this is superadded to the appearance of  
drought in the North. The news from the  
great spring wheat regions of the  
Northwest was very bad, the crop prospects  
in the fertile Red River Valley being de-  
scribed as poor. In the wheat belt, wheat,  
barley, as well as oats, corn, and wheat,  
promise but a scanty yield, unless there be  
a speedy change in the conditions. And  
in some cases the season is too far ad-  
vanced to permit reasonable hope of a full  
crop.

The time for spring plowing has  
gone by, and the good, vigorous root,  
which is possible only when moisture has  
been supplied during the early stages of  
growth, is hardly to be expected now, the  
indications being regarded as decidedly  
unfavorable to an average yield in propor-  
tion to acreage. Our street markets show  
the effects of the unusual dryness in other  
directions. The strawberry patch in  
Mississippi are desiccated to the extent of  
rendering the fruit unmarketable, while the  
dusky appearance of the berries received  
from Tennessee, tells of almost equal  
drought in that State.

LIVED NEARLY 102 YEARS.  
He Voted for Madison and Cleveland, and  
Never cast his Ballot for a Republican.  
[Portland (Me.) Telegram.]  
The oldest man in Stephenson County,  
if not in Illinois, has just died at his home,  
about seven miles northwest of Freeport.  
He lived until July 29, Mr. May.

When about 20 years old he was  
born in Guilford County, North Carolina.  
In 1815 he moved to Highland  
County, Ohio, and from there came to this  
county in 1846, and has resided here ever  
since. When about 20 years old he was  
married to Dorcas McDaniel in his  
native county. She bore him twelve  
children, all of whom but one  
grew to manhood and woman-  
hood. Two years ago his hundredth  
birthday anniversary was celebrated with  
great pomp, there being present perhaps

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